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REF: A. COCOM DOC. REV (74) 1572/WP1

B. STATE 268627

C. COCOM DOC. ADDENDUM TO REV (74) 1572/WP1

SUMMARY: NONE OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS DISCUSSED ON DECEMBER 9 WERE ACCEPTED DUE TO RESERVES BY THE US (ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS) AND, AT TIMES, BY OTHER PC'S FOR VARYING REASONS. MOST PC'S CONSIDERED THE GERMAN PROPOSAL ON SUB-ITEM (A) TO BE TOO FAR REACHING WHILE FRANCE COULD ONLY ACCEPT PART OF THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL RE NOTE 1. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL ON NOTE 1 RECEIVED SO MANY SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING ONE FROM THE US, THAT THE FRENCH AGREED TO REVISE IT FOR ROUND II CONSIDERATION. THE US ACCEPTED THE UK PROPOSAL ON NOTE 2(A) EXCEPT FOR SUB-ITEMS (II), (III), AND (IV). THE DUTCH AND JAPANESE PROPOSALS RE THE DELETION OF NOTE 2(A) AND NOTES 3 AND 5 WERE NOT DISCUSSED; THE FORMER SINCE IT WAS STEMMED FROM SUB-ITEM (A) IN THE MAIN TEXT, AND THE LATTER BECAUSE THEY WERE A CONSEQUENCE OF PROPOSALS ON MAGNETIC TAPE. THE GERMAN PROPOSAL ON TYPE WRITING EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO REMANDED TO ROUND II. ACTION REQUESTED: US POSITION FOR

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ROUND II. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NETHERLANDS AMENDED THEIR SECOND CORRIGENDUM PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (A) TO INCLUDE THE WORDS "VIDEO RECORDERS" BETWEEN "THOSE" AND "SPECIALLY DESIGNED OR ADAPTED FOR USE WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT". FRANCE, JAPAN, AND ITALY AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE US, UK, CANADA AND GERMANY RESERVED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THE UK FELT THE 6 MHZ FIGURE WAS GOING TOO FAR SINCE THE BLOC DOES NOT HAVE THAT CAPABILITY AND SUB-PARAGRAPHS (II) AND (V) MUST REMAIN. GERMANY FAVORED THEIR OWN PROPOSAL SINCE IT HAD A BROADER SCOPE, I.E., WAS NOT RESTRICTED TO VIDEO RECORDERS. THE US RESERVED FOR THE REASONS STATED IN REF B, AND CANADA RESERVED FOR FURTHER STUDY OF ALL COMMENTS BY THEIR AUTHORITIES.

2. MOST DELS AGREED WITH THE INTENT OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL BUT COULD NOT AGREE WITH THE LANGUAGE UTILIZED. THE UK OBJECTED TO THE USE OF "PORTABLE" SINCE THIS WAS NOT CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE. THE FRENCH WERE INSTRUCTED TO SUGGEST A REFERENCE TO THE OIR AS WELL AS CCIR SINCE BLOC COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY UTILIZE THE FORMER STANDARD.

3. THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (A) WOULD RELEASE ALL VTR'S UP TO THE PARAMETERS QUOTED IN THE CURRENT NOTE 2(A). CANADA, FRANCE, ITALY AND THE UK ACCEPTED WHILE THE US (FOR THE REASONS STATED IN REF B) AND GERMANY (FAVORED OWN PROPOSAL) RESERVED. THE NETHERLANDS, WHILE FAVORING THEIR OWN PROPOSAL, COULD ACCEPT THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL AS A FALLBACK.

4. THE GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (A) RECEIVED RESERVATIONS BY MOST DELS SINCE THEY FELT IT WAS TOO BROAD IN SCOPE. MOST DELS AGREED WITH THE INTENTIONS OF THE PROPOSAL AND WHEN THE GERMAN DELEGATE AGREED TO PROVIDE BROCHURES ON THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT THEY HAD IN MIND ALL DELS AGREED TO STUDY THE MATTER FURTHER.

5. THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (B) RECEIVED RESERVES FROM MOST DELS AND RESULTED IN REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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BROCHURES ON THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENTS THEY INTENDED FOR RELEASE. MOST DELS FELT THIS PROPOSAL WAS TOO BROAD BUT AGREED WITH THE JAPANESE INTENTION. THE FRENCH POINTED TO THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING IN DOC. IL (73) 1 WHICH WOULD PROBABLY EXCLUDE THE EQUIPMENT THE JAPANESE MENTIONED. THE JAPANESE DEL STATED THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE REQUESTED BROCHURES AND ALL DELS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO STUDY THIS FURTHER.

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6. THE GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (D) WAS ACCEPTED BY THE NETHERLANDS AND UK (SEE REF C). ITALY WAS OPEN-MINDED, CANADA RESERVED SINCE IT WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND THE FRENCH AGREED AD REF. THE US RESERVED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS ON MAGNETIC TAPE IN GENERAL AND THE JAPANESE RESERVED SYMPATHETICALLY PREFERRING THEIR OWN PROPOSAL FOR COMPLETE DELETION OF MAGNETIC TAPE. AFTER LOOKING AT A SAMPLE OF THE TAPE THE GERMANS WERE TALKING ABOUT, THE FRENCH DEL COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARED TO BE CINEMA FILM AND THEREFORE WAS NOT EMBARGOED. THE GERMANS REPLIED IT HAS TWO STABLE STATES (SQUARE CYCLE SYSTEM) AND IS A MEMORY. THE FRENCH WONDERED WHETHER IT THEN WOULD CORRECTLY BE EMBARGOED UNDER L588 AS A THIN-FILM MEMORY. THEY DID NOT PRESS THE POINT AND PREFERRED TO DISCUSS THESE POINTS BILATERALLY.

7. THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE TAPE UNDER NOTE 1 WAS ACCEPTED BY THE UK, GERMANY, CANADA, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS DELS. FRANCE COULD ONLY AGREE TO THE DELETION OF IRON OXIDE TAPE AND THE US RESERVED PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF THIS POINT BY ITS AUTHORITIES. ITALY SUPPORTED JAPANESE STATEMENTS OF BLOC MANUFACTURING

CAPABILITY BY CITING FIRMS (ORWO, CDC, STILON, BASF, FUJI) INVOLVED IN BULGARIA, POLAND, HUNGARY, USSR AND CONFIDENTIAL

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GDR AS EITHER MANUFACTURING THESE TAPES ALONE OR JOINT VENTURES.

8. ALL DELS AGREED WITH THE INTENT OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL ON NOTE 1 BUT SEVERAL AMENDMENTS WERE OFFERED INCLUDING THE US VERSION (SEE REF B). THE NETHERLANDS REQUESTED THE INCLUSIONS OF MAGNETIC PRICE TAGGING EQUIPMENT. THE FRENCH DEL TOOK THE COMMENTS OF OTHER DELS IN AN EFFORT TO COME UP WITH SUITABLE LANGUAGE FOR ROUND II.

9. THE UK PROPOSAL TO ALTER NOTE 2(A) WAS ACCEPTED BY JAPAN, GERMANY AND CANADA (AD REF). ITALY RESERVED (WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS), THE NETHERLANDS RESERVED SYMPATHETICALLY (PREFERRED OWN PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (A)) AND FRANCE AGREED TO ALL PARTS EXCEPT THE DELETION OF OF SUB-ITEM (VII) WHICH THEY ENTERED A RESERVE SYMPATHETICALLY. THE US ACCEPTED ALL BUT THE DELETION OF SUB-ITEMS (II),(III) AND (IV) PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF THE UK COMMENTS. THE UK FELT THE VTR'S COVERED BY THEIR PROPOSAL SHOULD REMAIN UNDER AN BUT FELT THE PARAGRAPHS REMAINING AFTER THE DELETIONS ARE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THOSE VTR'S WHICH ARE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT. SUB-ITEMS (V) AND (VI) ARE MOST APPLICABLE IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION.

10. THE NETHERLANDS AND JAPANESE PROPOSALS TO DELETE NOTE 2 (A) WERE NOT DISCUSSED SINCE THEY WERE CONSIDERED A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR SUB-ITEM (A) OF THE MAIN TEXT.

11. THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO ALTER NOTE 2 (B) WAS JUSTIFIED BY CHINESE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE ANALOG RECORDERS WITH BANDWIDTHS OF 300 KHZ AND TAPE SPEEDS OF 80 INCHES PER SECOND (IPS) AS WITNESSED IN 1971. THEY FELT THAT THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED THE 500 KHZ LEVEL IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. CANADA, GERMAN,

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THE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL AND THE UK WOULD NOT OPPOSE UNANIMITY. FRANCE AGREED TO THE 500 KHZ FIGURE CLAIMING THE MOST IMPORTANT PARAMETER IN THIS NOTE WAS SUB-ITEM (X). THEY COULD AGREE AD REF TO THE 120 IPS FIGURE BUT MUST CHECK ON THE REPERCUSSIONS OF SUCH A CHANGE ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HEADS THEMSELVES. THE US RESERVED ITS POSITION FOR THE REASONS STATED IN REF B. THE NETHERLANDS QUERIED WHETHER US DOCUMENT E1A-RS413 (ANSI-C-8394) COULD BE USED AS A REFERENCE INSTEAD OF THE IRIG-118-71 SINCE THE FORMER IS MORE READILY AVAILABLE.

12. THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL ON NOTE 2(D)(I)(AS AMENDED BY THE US) WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL DELS EXCEPT FRANCE. FOLLOWING A LENGTHY DISSERTATION BY THE FRENCH ON WHETHER CASSETTE EQUIPMENT IS EMBARGOED, THEY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER FOR DISCUSSION IN ROUND II.

13. THE DELETIONS OF NOTES 3 AND 5 AS PROPOSED BY JAPAN AND/OR THE NETHERLANDS WERE NOT DISCUSSED SINCE THEY WOULD BE A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR PROPOSALS ON MAGNETIC TAPE.

14. THE GERMANS DREW ATTENTION TO THEIR PROPOSED RE-  
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DEFINITION REGARDING WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO TAKE THIS UP DURING ROUND II.

15. ACTION REQUESTED: PREPARE FINAL US POSITION FOR  
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